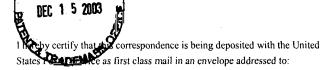
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

Applicants also submit herewith a petition for an extension of time to the present date with payment of the appropriate fee. Applicants submitted a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement on December 10, 2003.